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WATCH OUT, SUPERMAN--IT'S THE YELLOW PERI!

UH-OH!

TOO LATE!

THE NEW DC THERE'S NO STOPPING US NOW.

ROCKETED AS A BABY FROM THE EXPLODING PLANET *KRYPTON*, *KAL-EL* GREW TO MANHOOD ON *EARTH*--WHOSE YELLOW SUN AND LIGHTER GRAVITY GAVE HIM FANTASTIC *SUPER-POWERS!* IN THE CITY OF *METROPOLIS*, HE POSES AS MILD-MANNERED NEWSMAN *CLARK KENT*--BUT BATTLES EVIL ALL OVER *EARTH*--AND *BEYOND*--AS...

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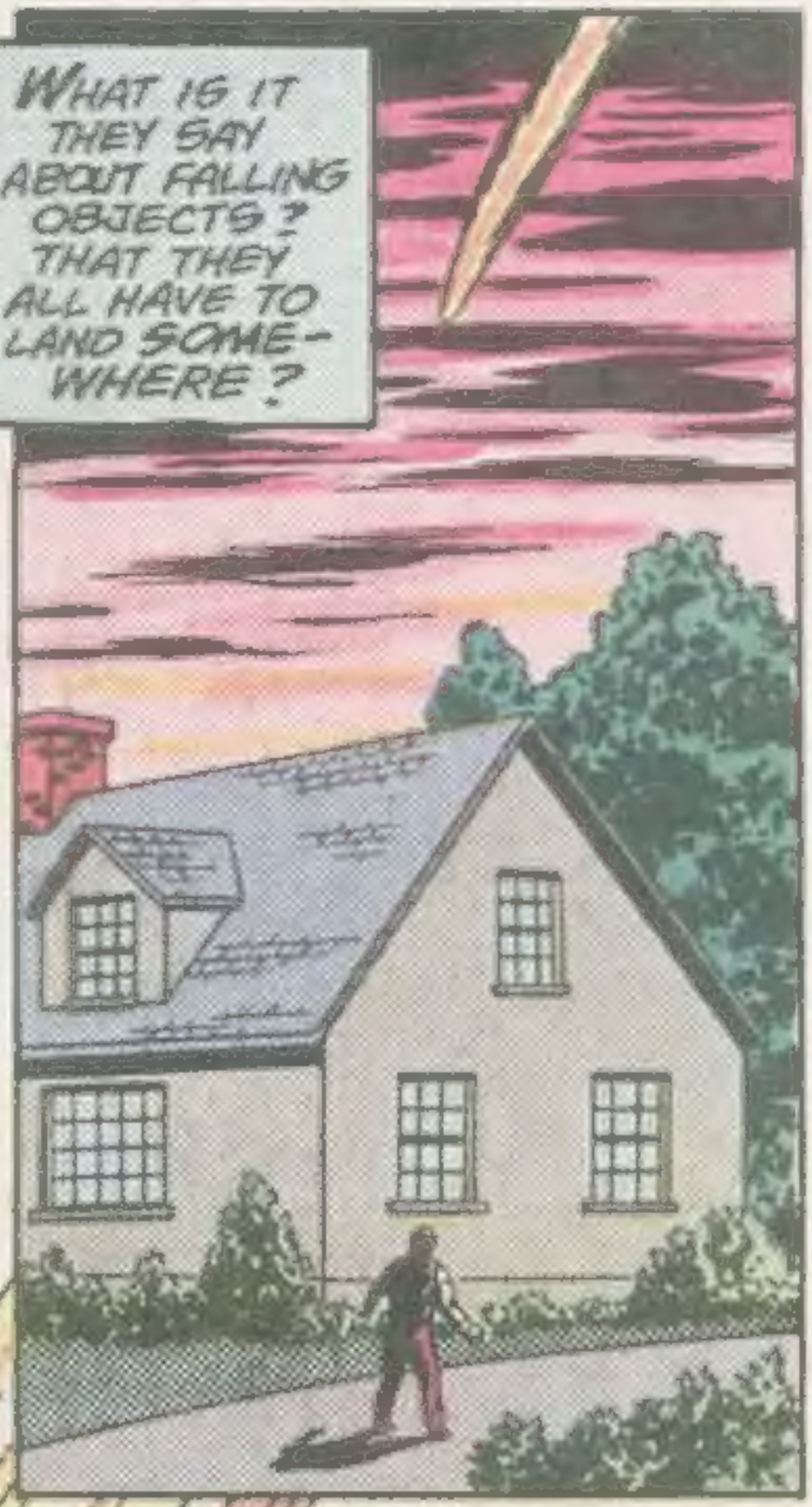

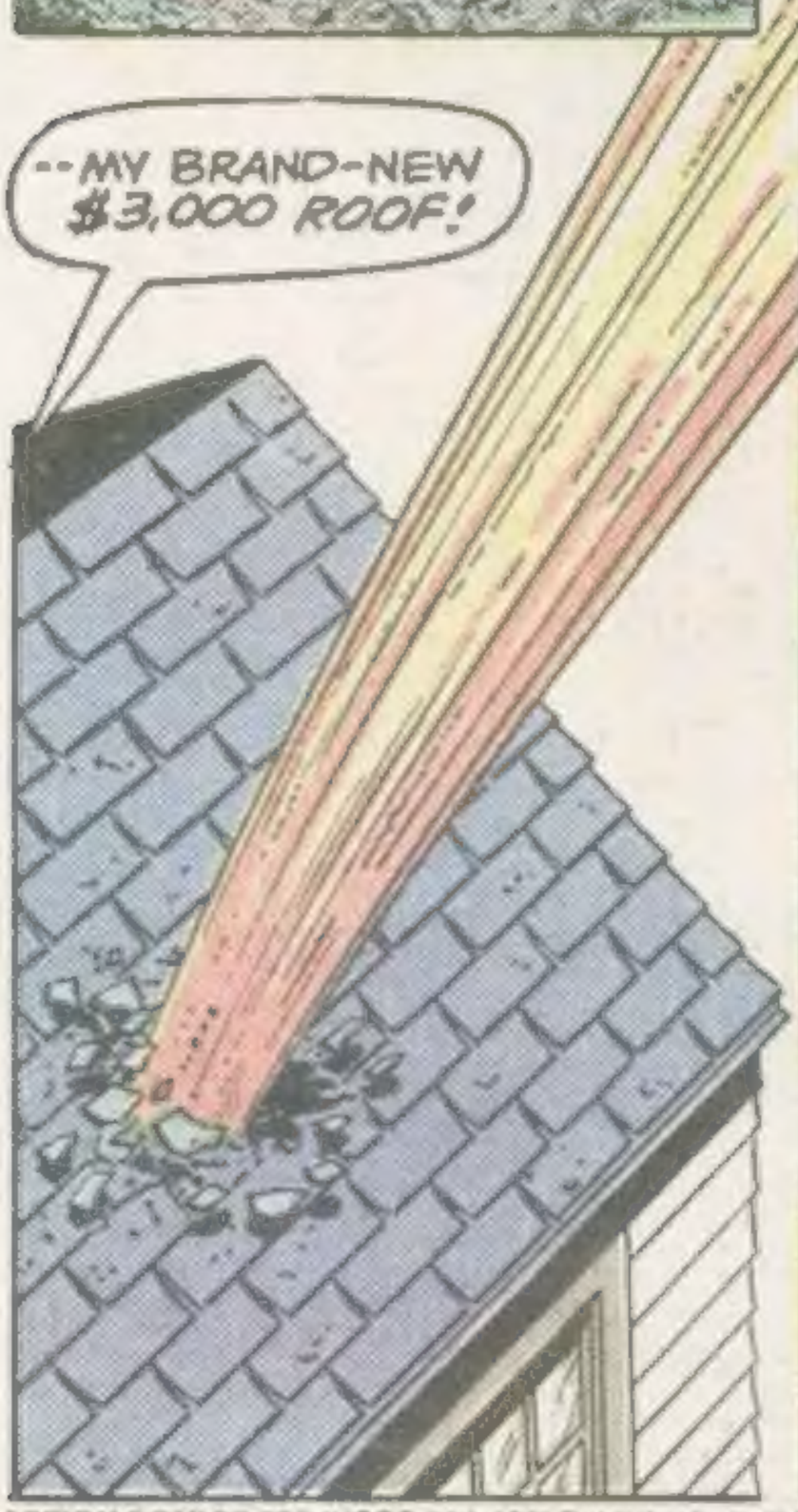

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IT'S NOT MY DESIGN, AL! IT CAME WITH THE BOOK...

...WHICH CAME THROUGH THE CEILING! I PICKED IT UP...AND...AND...IT'S ALL COMING BACK TO ME--

--I AM THE YELLOW PERI!

WHAT'S WITH THE *OUTFIT*, HON? SOMETHING NEW IN THE DIET-AND-EXERCISE ROUTINE?

"The ONCE-and-FUTURE PERI(L)"

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A DAY LATER, A CONTINENT AWAY...

--AND VIEWERS OF ANOTHER STATION'S LOCAL NEWS BROADCAST JUST MIGHT CATCH A COUPLE OF LONGING GLANCES FROM THE "STARS" OF TV'S HOTTEST ROMANCE...

MORGAN EDGE

...LANA LANG AND CLARK KENT, THE NEWSROOM TWOSOME OF WGBS! COME, COME, KIDDIES -- PLAYING KNEESIES UNDER THE ANCHOR DESK IS SURE TO PUT SOMEONE ON EDGE! ;SNICKER!

SAY! I LOOK PRETTY GOOD IN THAT SHOT, DON'T I? LOLA *BARNETT* IS *NOTORIOUS* FOR CHOOSING THE LOUSIEST STILLS SHE CAN FIND OF PEOPLE SHE'S DIGGING INTO!

BUT SURELY YOU DIDN'T BRING US IN HERE TO WATCH YESTERDAY'S NEWS-- *AND* YOU, MR. EDGE?

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE A TOP NEWSWOMAN, LANA--YOU ALWAYS GET TO THE HEART OF THE STORY!

IN OTHER NEWS, A METEOR CRASHED INTO A HOME IN OREGON THIS AFTERNOON...

EH? I HADN'T HEARD ABOUT THIS!

THE REASON YOU TWO ARE HERE IS BECAUSE OF ITEMS JUST LIKE THE ONE THAT GOSSIPY *WITCH* AT *UBC* IS RUNNING! MY *NEWS-CASTERS* HAVE *BECOME* THE NEWS...

...AND I EXPECT YOU TWO TO PUT A *STOP* TO IT!

ALVIN AND LORETTA GRANT OF APPLE CREEK, OREGON, SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN THE OBJECT SMASHED THROUGH THEIR ROOF...

THAT WOMAN... LORETTA... I MET HER ONCE WHEN I WAS *SUPERBOY*...

...SHE HAD A MAGIC BOOK THAT ENABLED HER TO BECOME THE *YELLOW PERI!**

*AS SHOWN IN *SUPERBOY* 34 AND 35 -- JULIE

"BUT SHE NEVER REALLY HAD FULL CONTROL OF HER MAGIC... HER SPELLS CREATED MORE PROBLEMS THAN THEY SOLVED--EVEN ENDED UP WITH HERSELF IN TROUBLE..."

"...TILL I TOSSED THE BOOK AWAY INTO SPACE AND SHE LOST HER POWERS AND ALL MEMORY OF BEING THE YELLOW PERI..."

BUT FROM THE LOOKS OF THAT SHOT ON EDGE'S SCREEN, LORETTA HAS GOTTEN ANOTHER COPY OF THE BOOK--

--OR THE "METEOR" WAS REALLY THE BOOK SOME-- HOW FINDING ITS WAY HOME!

YOU TWO WANT TO HAVE DINNER TOGETHER, DO IT AT HOME! YOU WANT TO SEE A MOVIE, GET HBO!

I WONDER IF THE YELLOW PERI WILL BE POPPING UP AGAIN?

I DO NOT WANT TO SEE ANOTHER REPORT ABOUT YOUR "ROMANCE" ON A RIVAL NETWORK! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

I UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY, LUV! BUT MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO CONSIDER THAT CLARK'S AND MY "ROMANCE" MIGHT BOOST OUR RATINGS!

TA-TA!

GRRR! YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LEARN WHO'S THE BOSS AROUND HERE, "LUV"!

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AND, BACK IN OREGON...

--SO IT WAS MY INTEREST IN *MAGIC*-- REAL MAGIC-- THAT LED ME TO THE BOOK!

MMM-HMMM!

IT WAS FUN... AND WHILE IT GOT ME A CARNIVAL JOB, IT ALSO GOT ME IN A LOT OF *TROUBLE*!

OF COURSE, MY INTEREST IN MAGIC AND CARNIVALS WAS GOOD FOR SOMETHING! IT BROUGHT *US* TOGETHER!

HA! YOU SHOULD ONLY *KNOW* HOW WE GOT TOGETHER! THAT I COURTED AND MARRIED YOU TO WIN A *BET* WITH SOME OF MY PALS!

LOOKS LIKE MY INVESTMENTS ARE ABOUT TO START PAYING OFF, THOUGH, WITH THIS MAGIC STUFF!

YOU'LL HAVE TO STOP TRYING TO DECIPHER THE SPELLS FOR NOW, AL! STEW'S READY!

YOU KNOW, HON, I THINK WE CAN PUT YOUR PERI-POWERS TO GOOD USE!

OH, I DON'T KNOW! LIKE I SAID, THEY ONLY CAUSED TROUBLE THE LAST TIME! MIGHT BE BETTER TO LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE!

WELL, YOU THINK ABOUT IT A LITTLE--

--WHILE I THINK OF A SURE-FIRE WAY TO *CON* YOU INTO USING THEM SO I END UP ON *EASY STREET*!

ALVIN T. GRANT, THIS IS GOING TO BE THE CAPPER TO YOUR CAREER!

A CAR TRIP CROSS-COUNTRY CAN TAKE EIGHT DAYS... A JET CAN DO IT IN FOUR HOURS... A CERTAIN RED-AND-BLUE CLAD FIGURE IN TWO SECONDS...

THE NEWS FILES TOLD ME LORETTA STILL LIVES IN APPLE CREEK, WHERE I LAST SAW HER A DOZEN YEARS AGO!

I WONDER WHAT HER REACTION WILL BE TO SEEING ME?

DING DONG

:GASP: SUPERMAN?!

I'VE COME ABOUT THE BOOK--

I'LL HANDLE THIS, DEAR! YOU'VE GOT NO RIGHT COMING HERE, BOTHERING INNOCENT PEOPLE!

YOU MUST BE MR. GRANT! I'D JUST LIKE TO TALK TO YOU AND YOUR WIFE ABOUT THE YELLOW PERI!

I THOUGHT YOU HAD SUPER-HEARING! YOU'RE ACTING LIKE YOU'RE DEAF OR SOMETHING!

SO MEAR THIS! WE DON'T WANT TO TALK TO YOU! SO TAKE YOUR FANCY SUIT AND FLY OFF INTO THE SUNSET!

SLAMM

ALVIN, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO BE SO RUDE TO HIM!

YOU KIDDING? HE TOOK THAT BOOK AWAY ONCE! YOU CAN BE SURE HE WANTS TO DO IT AGAIN!

IT'S OURS... AND WE GOT EVERY RIGHT IN THE WORLD TO USE IT ANY WAY WE WANT!

OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, THE MAN OF STEEL FINDS TIME TO CHECK UP ON ALVIN AND LORETTA GRANT...

BLOOD DRIVE
DONATE A PINT AND GET SUPERMAN AUTOGRAP

...AND WHILE WHAT THEY ARE DOING IS NOT ILLEGAL, SUPERMAN IS LESS THAN PLEASED BY WHAT HE SEES--

INCREDIBLE, ISN'T IT, HON? THERE'S SO MUCH *POLLUTION* IN AMERICA!

I'M SO GLAD *WE* HAVE A WAY OF HELPING OUT THESE PEOPLE!

NO NEED TO SAY ANY MORE, DEAREST! MY MAGIC WILL CLEAN UP OAK TOWN JUST AS IT DID THE OTHER CITIES!

AND NOT FAR AWAY...

WHAT *PERI'S* DOING SEEMS ON THE UP-AND-UP, BUT I'VE GOT THE NAGGING SUSPICION THAT ALVIN'S GOT SOME *DIRTY* SCHEME COOKED UP--

--AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE AN "*ON-SITE*" INSPECTION TO FIND OUT *WHAT!*

Welcome to OAK TOWN

I SUMMON THE POWERS OF LIGHT AND GOODNESS TO DRAW THE FOULNESS FROM THIS PLACE!

STILL, IT'D BE NICE TO BELIEVE THAT THEY'RE DOING THIS ONLY FOR THE *GOOD* OF PEOPLE LIVING IN POLLUTION-CHOKED TOWNS!

CARRY THE DIRT AND THE GRIME AWAY... FOREVER!

CHECK IT OUT! IT'S LIKE A RAINSTORM IN *REVERSE!* ALL THAT *GUNK* IS RISING INTO THE AIR!

MARVELOUS! I FEEL SO... SO *CLEAN!*

AND LOOK AT MY SUIT-- EVEN THE *STAIN* THE CLEANERS COULDN'T GET OUT IS *GONE!*

HERE'S THE QUESTION OF THE HOUR: NOW THAT ALL THIS *DIRT* IS OUT OF OAK TOWN, *WHERE* IS IT GOING?

ANSWER: ANY WAY THE WIND BLOWS!

THANKS A HEAP, MR. GRANT!

I'D PAY TO HAVE OAK TOWN CLEANED LIKE THAT ANY DAY! WHAT YOU DO IS WORTH *TWICE* WHAT YOU CHARGE!

AND WHEN THE FUNDS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AND COUNTED...

WE'RE HEADING NORTHEAST, LORETTA! THERE'S A TOWN CALLED EAST STROUD I BET COULD USE OUR SERVICES!

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN WRONG YET, ALVIN! AND THESE PEOPLE CERTAINLY SEEM *GRATEFUL!*

"NORTHEAST", ALVIN? THAT JUST *HAPPENS* TO BE THE DIRECTION THE WIND IS TAKING OAK TOWN'S CLOUD OF GUNK!

ALVIN IS A PHONY FROM HEAD TO TOE, BUT HE'S GOT THE BRAINS TO FIGURE OUT WIND PATTERNS--

--AND KNOWS EXACTLY WHERE HIS NEXT DOLLAR IS TO BE *MADE!*

ALVIN, *MAYBE* WE SHOULDN'T MAKE PEOPLE PAY FOR WHAT WE'RE DOING!

YOU KIDDING, HON? THEY'RE *HAPPY* TO PAY--

--BESIDES, *WE'VE* GOT BILLS, AND I DON'T SEE ANYBODY VOLUNTEERING TO TAKE CARE OF 'EM FOR US!

NO, LORETTA! WE'RE PROVIDING A CLEANING SERVICE--

--AND *CLEANING* UP IN *MORE* WAYS THAN ONE!

MILES AHEAD...

LOOKS LIKE I GOT HERE JUST IN TIME--IT'S STARTING

I'VE HEARD ABOUT ACID RAIN--BUT I DIDN'T DREAM IT WAS LIKE THIS!

EWEE! WHAT IS THIS YUCHOLA?

TURNS HIS STRETCHABLE CAPE INTO A MAKESHIFT

...AND THE TOWN OF EAST STROUD IS SPARED THE GRIMY PRECIPITATION...

THIS STUFF IS WORSE THAN ANYTHING AN ADVERTISING AGENCY EVERY DREAMED UP FOR A LAUNDRY COMMERCIAL!

MY CAPE'S GOING TO NEED A FULL-STRENGTH SOLAR CLEANSING TO BURN IT OUT!

AND WHEN THE "RAIN" HAS BEEN COLLECTED...

THAT'S FAR ENOUGH, ALVIN!

YOUR SERVICES AREN'T GOING TO BE NEEDED IN EAST STROUD TODAY! I'VE SEEN TO THAT!

WHAT?! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT--OR WHY YOU INSIST ON HARASSING US!

I'VE SEEN THROUGH YOUR LITTLE SCHEME! YOUR WIFE USES HER MAGIC TO CLEAN UP ONE TOWN; THEN ALL THAT DIRT RAINS DOWN ON ANOTHER--WHERE THEY NEED YOU EVEN *MORE*!

IT'S A DIRTY JOB--BUT *NOBODY* HAS TO DO IT!

NOW JUST A MINUTE! WHAT WE'RE DOING IS PERFECTLY *LEGAL*!

WE DON'T *FORCE* ANYBODY TO USE OUR SERVICES! THEY CAN CLEAN UP THEIR TOWNS *ANY WAY* THEY WANT!

SMOOTH, ALVIN! BUT I'M ON TO YOU NOW--AND YOU BETTER BE SURE I'LL BE WATCHING!

I TELL YOU, HON, THAT MAN IS OUT TO GET US! HE DOESN'T WANT YOU TO HAVE THAT BOOK--AND HE'LL DO *ANYTHING* TO GET IT!

I'M NOT SO SURE, ALVIN! AND NEVER DID FIGURE OUT WHERE ALL THE DIRT WENT!

NO...CRETTA--YOU NEVER FIGURED IT OUT...AND I AM JUST ABOUT TO TELL YOU THAT I DID!

AND I'VE GOT JUST THE PLAN TO MAKE YOU [illegible] THAT--100%!

HON, HE'S GOT IT IN FOR US... AND *ME* IN PARTICULAR! HE KNOWS THAT WITHOUT ME AROUND HE CAN GET THAT [illegible] AWAY WITH NO TROUBLE!

A MOMENT LATER IN METROPOLIS...

HEY, CLARK, CHECK THIS OUT! STEVE LOMBARD'S BEEN SIGNED FOR THE LEAD IN A REVIVAL OF "DAMN YANKEES"!

WHAT? HAVA NAGILA!

IS ACTING BACK?

WELL, SOMEBODY PROBABLY THINKS "STATION STEVE" WAS REALLY "SINGIN' STEVE"!

ANYWAY, I GOT IT AT A STELLAR HERO CARD--

--FOR MOST STELLAR TURN IN A STARRING ROLE!

SPEAKING OF SELLING, I HAVE NOT CHECKED IN THE FINANCIAL [illegible] OF ALVIN ART--I'VE GOT TO [illegible] LATELY!

A SUPER-VISION SNEAK PEEK AND--EH? WHAT'S HE UP TO *NOW*?

SUPERMAN--I KNOW YOU'RE WATCHING! I NEED HELP!

GOT TO RUN, JIM! KEEP ME POSTED ABOUT THE STAGE DEBUT OF THE CENTURY!

OR THIS WEEK, AT LEAST!

A MAGIC ACT?

DON'T KNOW WHAT ALVIN'S PROBLEM IS--MAYBE LORETTA'S MAGIC'S GONE HAYWIRE! WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TIME!

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SHAZAM, MY MAGIC CRYSTAL!

IT'S MY WIFE'S MAGIC--SOMEHOW IT'S WORKING ON ME! I'M FADING AWAY!

YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!

SUPERMAN, THIS COUNTESS WILL FINALLY CAME--

FADING AWAY? MY SUPER-SENSES DETECT NOTHING WRONG--

HANG ON TO ME! I CAN FEEL MYSELF BEING PULLED INTO SOME OTHER DIMENSION!

WAITING FOR YOU TO BE TUNED IN!

HANG ON TIGHT-- I'M BEING SUCKED INTO THE TWILIGHT ZONE!

I'VE GOT YOU, ALVIN-- BUT YOU FEEL *SOLID* TO ME!

EEAHHHH! THE PAIN-- IT'S TEARING ME APART! *NYAHHHH!*

OH, IT'LL FEEL SOLID--!

ALVIN, WHY ARE YOU YELLING-- *SUPERMAN*!?

LORETTA-- I TOLD YOU THIS WOULD HAPPEN!

SUPERMAN'S FLESH IS CRUSHING HIS TO *DEATH!* USE YOUR MAGIC TO STOP HIM!

WHAT--?!

THE SNAKE SUCKERED ME INTO THIS! GOT TO STOP HER BEFORE--

I SUMMON THE *HAND OF FATE* TO TAKE SUPERMAN IN ITS GRIP!

TOO LATE! I'M CAUGHT-- AND MY POWERS ARE VIRTUALLY *USELESS* AGAINST MAGIC!

DO IT, LORETTA! USE YOUR POWERS TO STOP [illegible] ONCE AND FOR ALL!

[illegible]!

I FEEL LIKE DINNER SCRAPS IN A TRASH COMPACTOR! GOT TO BE SOME WAY TO BREAK FREE!

HE'S A SUPER-POWERED *MENACE*-- AND HE MUST BE *DESTROYED!*

ALVIN, THIS ISN'T RIGHT... NO MATTER WHAT *HE* DID!

BUT I NEED A LITTLE [illegible] MANEUVER--

--WHICH I CAN [illegible] BY EXHALING [illegible] BIT OF AIR FROM MY LUNGS!

THERE--A FRACTION OF AN INCH TO START *VIBRATING* AT SUPER-SPEED!

I'LL HAVE TO THANK *THE FLASH* FOR SHOWING ME THIS TRICK!

HE'S LOOSE, LORETTA! DO SOMETHING ELSE BEFORE HE KILLS US BOTH!

THERE'LL BE NO MORE MAGIC TODAY!

I'LL *INHALE*... AND YANK THE BOOK FROM HER HANDS!

WHOOOSH

YOU'VE BEATEN ME, SUPERMAN! PUT ON THE HANDCUFFS AND TAKE ME AWAY! UNLESS YOU WANT TO MURDER US HERE!

I DON'T INTEND ANYTHING OF THE SORT, DESPITE WHAT YOUR HUSBAND MAY TELL YOU!

JUST REALIZE THAT PERHAPS YOU HAVEN'T BEEN USING YOUR MAGIC FOR THE *BEST* OF PURPOSES--

--AND THAT THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY APPEAR TO BE!

HERE! KEEP THE BOOK!

I WONDER IF I'LL REGRET DOING THAT?

THE SOFT-HEARTED FOOL! I MAY HAVE LOST *THIS* BATTLE, BUT I CAN STILL WIN THE *WAR*!

SUPERMAN HAS NOT HEARD THE LAST OF THE *YELLOW PERI*!

AND NEITHER HAVE WE! WATCH FUTURE ISSUES FOR THE STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS!

...GLADYS COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING, METROPOLIS...

SOME LUNCH, HUH, CLARK?

WELL, IT WAS DIFFERENT, THAT'S FOR SURE, JIMMY!

C'MON, THAT PLACE MAKES THE BEST CHILI PEPPER AND TAMALE SANDWICH IN TOWN!

HOW ABOUT KEEPING ME COMPANY WHILE I GET A HAIRCUT? I'VE GOT A HOT DATE TONIGHT... HAVE TO LOOK MY BEST!

MATTER OF FACT, YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD DO WITH A TRIM YOURSELF!

SUPERMAN

COME TO THINK OF IT, I COULD USE A HAIRCUT AT THAT!

AH, CLARK KENT--RIGHT ON TIME!

YOU BRING A NEW CUSTOMER, TOO?

YEAH, JOSE--THIS IS CLARK KENT IF LEON IS FREE...

MY PLEASURE!

"A SUPERMAN OF A DIFFERENT COLOR!"

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DO A GOOD JOB AND MAYBE YOU'LL GET MR KENT FOR A REGULAR ! HE'S A REPORTER FOR THE PLANET.. JUST LIKE ME.

YEAH... AND I SEE HIM ON TV TOO.

SO MR KENT HOW COME WE DON'T SEE YOU IN HERE BEFORE ? YOU GO TO ANOTHER BARBER?

WELL MY HAIR GROWS KIND OF SLOW AND.

THAT'S OKAY. YOU GOT ANOTHER BARBER YOU COMFORTABLE WITH, IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME!

HOW YOU WANT IT—?"

ER I JUST A LITTLE OFF THE TOP!

WELL, I HOPE THAT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO SAY! IT'S STRANGE, BUT NEVER HAVING HAD A HAIRCUT BEFORE. I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHAT TO ASK FOR!

HOLD IT! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

AND WHAT'S EVEN WRONGER IN THIS ONE--?

SNIP!

IF YOU'VE ANSWERED THAT CLARK KENT, BEING SECRETLY SUPERMAN, IS INVULNERABLE, MAKING A HAIRCUT IMPOSSIBLE --

--YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT! SO WHAT GIVES..?

WELL NOW... THIS IS KIND OF RELAXING, AT THAT. TOO BAD I WON'T BE ABLE TO INDULGE IN THIS AGAIN--

--BUT IT WAS THE WEIRDEST FLUKE THAT LEFT MY HAIR *NON-SUPER* TO BEGIN WITH!

"AS SUPERMAN I WAS RETURNING TO EARTH FROM SPACE WHEN I SPOTTED A STRANGE PHENOMENON TAKING PLACE OVER A PLANET IN THE *RTHALTA VI SYSTEM*...

"I WASN'T IN ANY PARTICULAR HURRY, SO I TOOK A FEW MOMENTS TO *INVESTIGATE*...

INTERESTING! SOME ELEMENT IN THESE METEORS IS REACTING WITH THE ATMOSPHERE CAUSING SPECTACULAR EFFECTS!

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL, *BIZARRE* WORLD! IT CIRCLES A SYSTEM OF *THREE SUNS*, SO ITS *NEVER* DARK *ANYWHERE* ON THE PLANET...

...AND ITS LAND AND WATERS POSSESS SOME *AMAZINGLY* DIFFERENT PROPERTIES!

THE CONSTANT SUNLIGHT'S DONE *WONDERS* WITH THE FLORA, TOO! I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH LUSH FOLIAGE!

"IT WAS *BEAUTIFUL*, ALL RIGHT..

...YET I WAS STARTLING. PERHAPS IT WAS THE CONSTANT PRESENCE OF THE SUN YELLOW IN THE SKY...

"SOMETHING MORE IT DON'T SEEM NATURAL.

"I HAD TO REMIND MYSELF THAT ITS VERY EXISTENCE MADE IT NATURAL... THAT THERE WERE AS MANY VARIATIONS IN THE UNIVERSE AS THERE WERE WORLDS TO CONTAIN THEM.

IS THIS PATH TO THE LAKE IS WELL TRAVELED?

THOUGH NOT BY ANYTHING REMOTELY HUMAN PERHAPS, BUT HUMAN... PEOPLE?

"I WASN'T ALONE!

"HE DID ANY LITTLE EXPLORING HE COULD INTO THE SURROUNDING LANDSCAPE ONE SUMMER!

IN THIS (ALONE, THE) WORLD COMPANY... BUT FROM THAT CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE A MEMORY WHICH HAUNTED HIM IN THE NIGHT!

SNAP

"OF COURSE HE'D NEVER HAVE THE SMARTS TO DO THAT IF IT WAS ANY PLANET AND HE KNEW THE UNIVERSE...

"...WHILE I WAS JUST A STRANGER--AN ALIEN!"

GREAT KRYPTON! THE SIZE OF THAT MONSTER--!

"I WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE THING, BUT I WASN'T WORRIED. I WAS, AFTER ALL, STILL SUPER, AND STILL INVULNERABLE--

"...TO ANYTHING THIS JUNIOR-SIZED KING KONG HAD TO THROW AT ME.

"SURE I WAS! HE HIT ME LIKE A TON OF BRICKS--

"--AND I ALMOST WENT DOWN! HE WAS STRONG... STRONGER THAN ANYTHING THAT MINDLESS HAD A RIGHT TO BE!

FEELS LIKE HE'S TEARING MY HEAD OFF! HAVE TO BREAK LOOSE!

BWAM!

WHOMPFF!

AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO PULL MY PUNCHES AGAINST THIS CHARACTER! LOOKS LIKE HE CAN TAKE IT!

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UH-OH! THAT BLOW SHOULD'VE FLATTENED A WHOLE *HERD* OF YOU ... BUT YOU'RE NOT EVEN *FAZED!*

"HE WANTED ANOTHER *GO* AT ME, BUT I WAS IN NO MOOD TO GIVE IT TO HIM.

"I STARTED TO FLY OFF ... THERE WAS NO REAL REASON FOR ME TO FIGHT HIM, AFTER ALL--

"--*EXCEPT* THAT HE WANTED TO, AND WASN'T ABOUT TO LET ME FLY OFF!

GGRROAR

=UHH!= I...I DON'T *BELIEVE* THIS ... HE'S ACTUALLY *DRAGGING* ME *DOWN!*

=*UFFF!*= GOING AFTER MY HAIR *AGAIN!* I DON'T KNOW *WHAT* THOSE JAWS OF HIS COULD *DO* TO ME IF THEY *CONNECT*--

GRAAR!

--BUT I SURE *DON'T* WANT TO FIND OUT!

"HE WAS PERSISTENT, I'LL GIVE HIM THAT MUCH... AND TOUGH! HE KEPT TAKING THE BEST I HAD TO GIVE--

"--AND COMING BACK FOR MORE!

KHA-THWAPP

EEOWW! WHY DOES HE KEEP GOING AFTER MY HAIR?

IS IT SOME SORT OF INSTINCTUAL FORM OF ATTACK... OR SOMETHING ELSE?

IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S NEVER SEEN HAIR BEFORE—IT'S COVERED WITH THE STUFF ITSELF... SO WAS THAT OTHER LITTLE CREATURE!

SO WHAT IS THERE ABOUT IT...?

WAM WAM WAM

"IT CAME TO ME IN A FLASH!

"IT COULDN'T BE THE HAIR ITSELF... EXCEPT FOR THE ONE FACTOR THAT DISTINGUISHED IT FROM ANY OTHER ON THIS WORLD!

"I'D THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS PLANET, AND I REALIZED, THAT BECAUSE OF ITS THREE SUNS--

"--THINGS LOOKED DIFFERENT HERE-- ITS COLOR SPECTRUM VARIED SOMEWHAT FROM OURS--

"--INCLUDING NOW THE CREATURES HERE SAW COLORS!

"THE COLOR BLACK WAS NOT PART OF THEIR SPECTRUM -- THERE WEREN'T EVEN ANY SHADOWS! -- AND GUESS WHO HAD BLACK HAIR!

"SINCE BLACKNESS WAS UNKNOWN, MY DARK HAIR MUST HAVE CONFUSED AND ANGERED THE BEAST -- LIKE WAVING A RED CAPE BEFORE A BULL!

"SO I REMOVED THE OBJECT OF HIS WRATH BY DYEING MY HAIR A COLOR MORE FAMILIAR TO HIM ... BRIGHT ORANGE!

"HE WAS CONFUSED...

"... BUT ALL HIS HOSTILITY WAS GONE!

GRONK?

"AND A MOMENT LATER, SO WAS I! I RUBBED THE POLLEN FROM MY HAIR AND MADE FOR EARTH --"

--AND THAT'S WHEN I FOUND THAT THE ALIEN POLLEN HAD SOMEHOW REMOVED MY HAIR'S INVULNERABILITY, ALTHOUGH MY TESTS SHOW IT'S A TEMPORARY CONDITION. I SHOULD BE BACK TO NORMAL SOON ...

HUH?! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THESE SCISSORS! THEY GOT SO DULL..?

THE POLLEN'S EFFECT IS WEARING OFF! ANOTHER SECOND AND HIS SCISSORS WILL BREAK!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, LEON! YOU'VE CUT IT JUST RIGHT AS IS!

B-BUT... I'M NOT FINISHED YET!

NONSENSE... WHY, THIS IS THE BEST HAIRCUT I'VE EVER HAD!

NEXT ISSUE:

"MEET JOHN DOE" AND "AMBUSH BUG"! ON SALE JULY 26! IT'S A DATE!